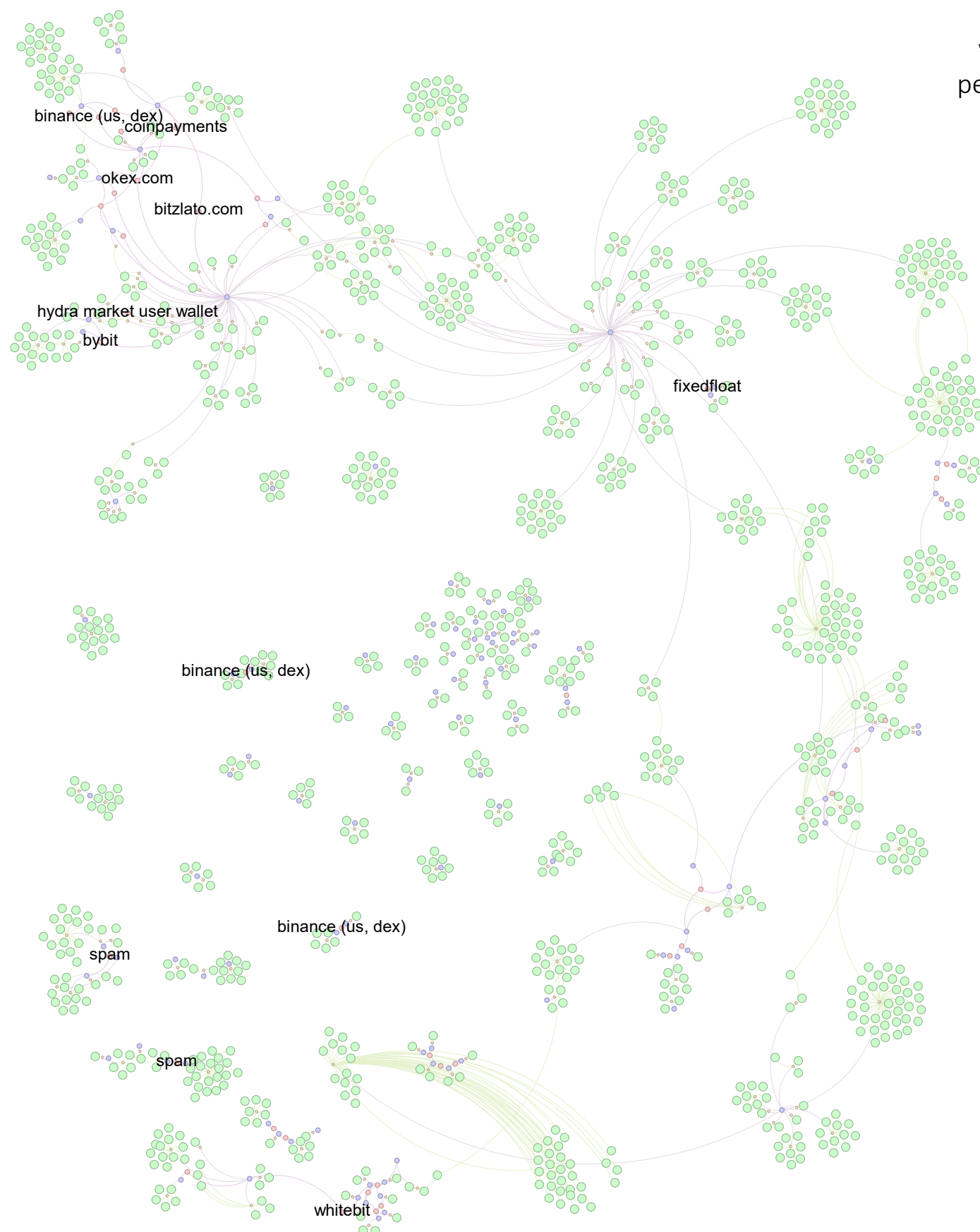
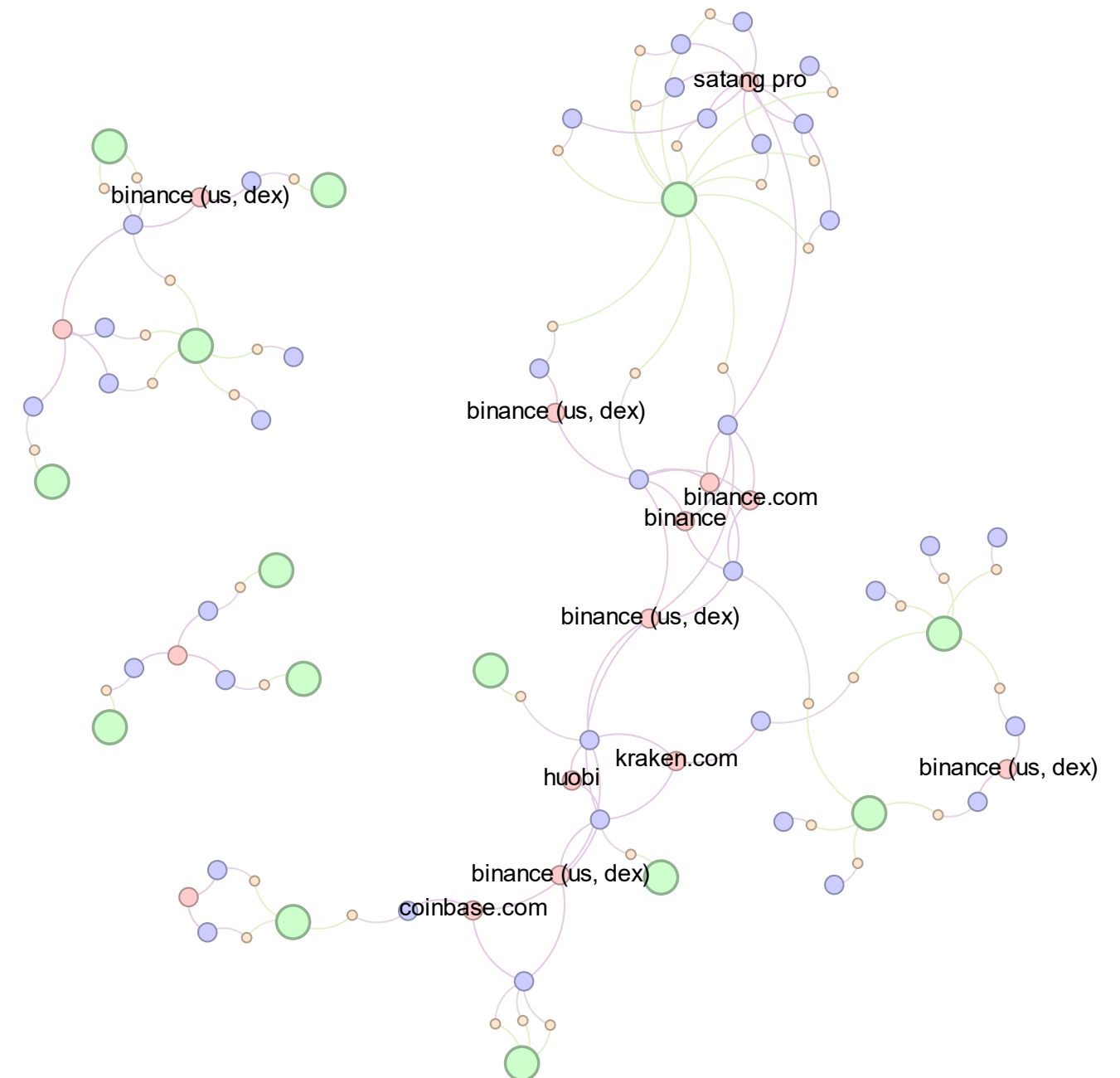


Networks of cryptoasset-related investigations: how individual cases are connected

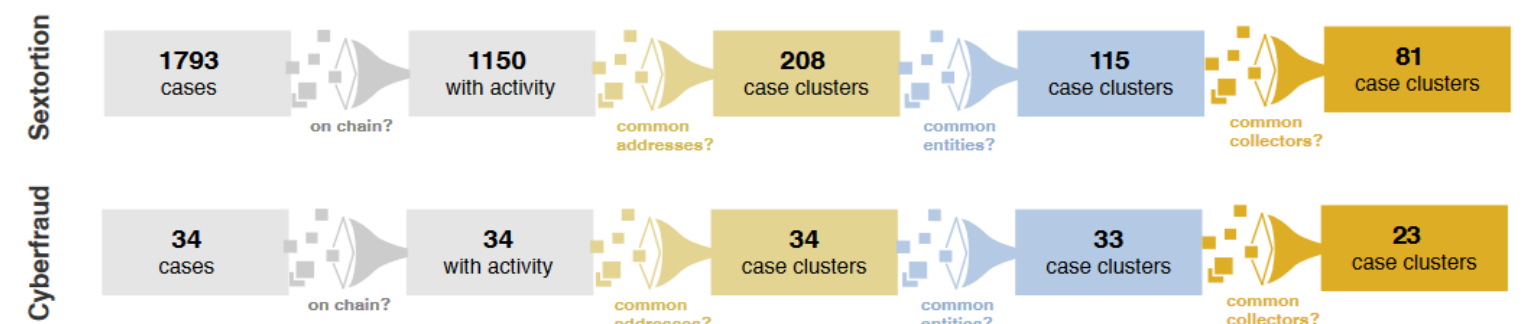
As cybercrime cases prevail more and more each year (ongoing investigations already resulted in victim losses amount more than 250 million Euros in 2022), connecting individual victim cases via perpetrator addresses can help speed up the process. Here are such Bitcoin-based crime networks.



The network of connected sextortion spam cases.



The network of connected cyberfraud cases.



The data collected contains 34 cybertrading fraud and 1793 sextortion spam cases. We identified 83 and 828 distinct perpetrator addresses, on which we could create links and connect 14 distinct fraud cases into just 3, reducing 34 cases into just 23 “case clusters”, and 1793 sextortion cases into 81 clusters.

Each green node represents a case, orange nodes represent a cryptoasset address, purple nodes are entities, and red nodes with text represent notable common collector entities.

Data source: Bavarian Central Office for the Prosecution of Cybercrime (ZCB)

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